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Applicants: David M. Stern et al.

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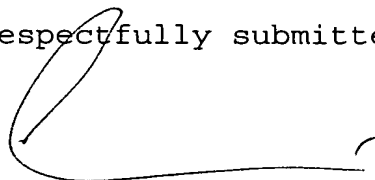
Applicants hereby request an additional three-month extension of time for filing a response to the May 19, 2003 Final Office Action. A response to the Office Action was originally due on August 19, 2003. The fee for an additional three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00) for a small entity and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the additional three-month extension, a response to the May 19, 2003 Final Office Action is due November 19, 2003. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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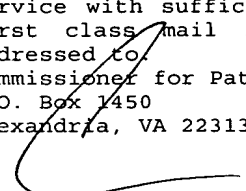
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